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SUBJECT: ITU'S 29TH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL: SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUE

1. ITU 29TH ADMINISTRATIVE COUCNIL DOCUMENT 4607 COVERS LETTER RECEIVED BY SECRETARY GENERAL FROM POSTMASTER GENERAL, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA CONCERNING SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTRIBUTORY SHARE.

2. ESSENTIALLY LETTER STATES THAT SINCE RESOLUTION 31 OF TORREMOLINOS CONFERENCE EXCLUDES SOUTH AFRICA FROM FUTURE ITU CONFERENCES AND ALL OTHER MEETINGS, INFRINGES ARTICLE 2 OF MONTREUX CONVENTION AND VIOLATES PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSITY, IT RELIEVES SOUTH AFRICA OF ITS FINANCIAL OBLIGATION. THEREFORE, SOUTH AFRICA HAS DECIDED NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEFRAIVING UNION EXPENDITURES UNTIL ITS RIGHTS TO BE REPRESENTED AT ALL ITU CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS HAS BEEN FULLY RESTORED.

3. DOCUMENT 4607 WILL BE CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE ONE IN DUE COURSE. THINKING HERE IS THAT COMMITTEE WILL PROBABLY DECIDE THAT SOUTH AFRICA (A) NO LONGER A MEMBER OF ITU OR, (B) TO BE TREATED SAME AS COUCNIL DID PREVIOUSLY FOR RHODESIA I.E. STOP ALL CORRESPONDENCE RE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERSN CCI'S AND UNCLASSIFIED

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4. USREP ASSUMES US POSITION WOULD BE TO OPPOSE SOUTH AFRICA'S
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B ABOVE). GUIDANCE REQUESTED. DALE

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